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SUBJECT: KING'S BROTHER COMMENTS ON KING'S NON-ATTENDANCE
AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

1. KING'S BROTHER PRINCE MOULAY ABDALLAH COMMENTED TO ME SEPTEMBER 12 THAT IT WAS FORTUNATE KING HAD BEEN PREVENTED BY ILLNESS FROM ATTENDING ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. IF KING HAD LEFT COUNTRY LEAVING PRIMIN, SAY, IN CHARGE AND THERE HAD BEEN TROUBLE SOMEWHERE IN KINGDOM REQUIRING DISPATCH OF SECURITY FORCES, WHO COULD BE CERTAIN THAT LATTER WOULD RESPOND TO ORDERS OF PERSON IN CHARGE? ONLY KING HAS REQUISITE AUTHORITY, SAID PRINCE.

2. PRINCE CONFIDED HE BORED WITH INFREQUENT DUTIES AS KING'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR DEALING WITH FOREIGNERS AND KING HAD GRANTED HIS REQUEST BE RELIEVED. KING WILL SOON APPOINT HIM PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ON DOMESTIC SCENE, WHICH PRINCE DESCRIBED AS TROUBLE-SHOOTER JOB TO WHICH HE LOOKED FORWARD.

3. COMMENT: PRINCE'S COMMENT SURPRISING ADMISSION OF BASIC FLAW IN KING'S ONE-MAN REGIME; DIFFICULTY OF FINDING RIGHT PERSON TO LEAVE IN CHARGE IS PROBABLY REAL REASON WHY KING DECIDED NOT TO GO ALGIERS.

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